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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Tuesday, 27 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Western Sahara (S/1998/997)

Sierra Leone (S/1998/960)

The situation between Eritrea and Ethiopia

Briefing by the Secretariat

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Court of Justice (A/53/4) [13].

2. Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

3 p.m.	45th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review: progress report of the Secretary-General (A/53/390 and Add.1) [24].

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108] (A/53/18, A/53/255, A/53/256, A/53/269, A/53/305, A/53/489*)
2. Right of peoples to self-determination [109] (A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/280, A/53/338)

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

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* To be issued.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	12th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82] (A/53/20, A/53/265, A/C.4/53/L.7)

General debate

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 am.-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

Informal consultations on draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 (Industrial development cooperation (item 92 (b)); A/C.2/53/L.12 (Declaration on International Economic Cooperation and the Fourth International Development Decade (item 93 (a)); and A/C.2/53/L.13 (Economies in transition (item 93 (b))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*-1 p.m.	14th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10)

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* Immediately following the consideration by the General Assembly of the report of the International Court of Justice (agenda item 13).

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. The impact of the implementation of pilot projects on budgetary practices and procedures
2. Revolving Credit Fund

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twentieth session

3 p.m.	8th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

* Following the adjournment of the 8th meeting of the Committee on Information.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on "Adjusting the Role of Governments to Globalization" will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The panellists will be Mr. Shabbir G. Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP, and Ms. Cheryl Gray, Manager of Public Sector Management Unit, World Bank. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Sandru (Romania) will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women (agenda item 104) *today*, 27 October, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Tuesday, 27 October 1998

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

9.30 a.m.-10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 94: United Nations Environment Programme)

10 a.m.-11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

ARAB GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 104: Implementation of the Outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 108: Elimination of racism and racial discrimination)

2 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room C

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): The financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially in the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4); and 93(g): Cultural development)

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

ARAB GROUP OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 16th meeting of the First Committee.

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The second meeting of Legal Advisers will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

There will be an information meeting concerning a First Committee draft resolution on the status of the Biological Weapons Convention *today*, 27 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m in Conference Room B.

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There will be an informal meeting on action against corruption and bribery, under agenda item 92 (a) (Business and development), *today*, 27 October 1998, at 9.45 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) will be held *today*, 27 October 1998, at 4.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Wednesday, 28 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 46th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Organization of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: second report of the General Committee (A/53/250/Add.1)* [8].

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [28]:

   (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/458);

   (b) Draft resolution (A/53/L.12).

3 p.m. 47th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994: note by the Secretary-General transmitting the third annual report of the International Criminal Tribunal (A/53/429) [50].

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* To be issued.

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
10 a.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
			10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	13th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	14th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	15th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussion

A panel discussion on the "Implementation of the Outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)" will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The panellists will be Mr. Valentino Castellani, Mayor of Turin, Italy; Mr. Shabbir Cheema, Director, Management Development and Governance Division, UNDP; Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Habitat for Humanity; Professor Robert Geddes, Former President, American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter), Professor Emeritus and former Dean, School of Architecture (Princeton University); and Dr. Irene Wiese v. Ofen, President, International Federation for Housing and Planning (IFHP). Mr. Klaus Toepfer, Director-General, United Nations Office at Nairobi and Acting Executive Director, United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), will act as the Moderator of the panel discussion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, beginning on Wednesday, 4 November 1998, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mrs. Mary Robinson: Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance); Mr. Roberto Garreton (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Former Yugoslavia); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); Ms. Asma Jahangir (Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons);

On 5 November: M. Michel Mousalli (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda); and Mr. Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on Torture);

On 6 November: Mr.Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The 194th meeting of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be held on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6, to review the draft annual report of the Committee (A/AC.154/1998/CRP.1 and CRP.2). The meeting will be open to observers.

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The 1998 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme will be held in two segments.

The joint opening of both Pledging Conferences will take place on Tuesday, 3 November 1998, at 3 p.m., to be followed by the segment devoted to the 1998 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme.

The second segment devoted to the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities will be held on Wednesday, 4 November, at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, 5 November, at 10 a.m.

It would be appreciated if delegations that have not already submitted the names of their representatives to both Pledging Conferences could do so to the Secretary of the Pledging Conferences, Mr. Alexandre de Barros (room S-2950-G, tel.: 963-2320).

The list of speakers for both pledging conferences is open beginning until Monday, 2 November.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The 175th (closed) meeting* of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq an Kuwait will be held on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press in the Press Room.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

An informal consultation, to consider the organization of the work of the forty-third session of the Commission on the Satus of Women, will be held by the Bureau of the Commission on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*. A revised version of the non-paper is available for pick-up in room DC2-1216.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee on Friday, 30 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 37 (Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development) on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Seminars

The first seminar of the economic governance seminar series on the theme "Towards a More Differentiated Perspective on Industrial Policy", organized by the Division for Public Economics and Public Administration (DPEPA) of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Wednesday, 28 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room A. Prof. Richard Nelson, Columbia University, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "The Impact of Reductions in Working Hours on Employment", sponsored by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), will take place on Friday, 30 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Professor Dr. Gerhard Bosch of the Institut Arbeit und Technik, Germany, will make a presentation. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

A meeting of co-sponsors of draft resolution contained in document A/C.1/53/L.13 entitled "Small Arms", organized by the delegation of Japan, will be held on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 4 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m; Thursday, 5 November from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 30 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 23 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

GENERAL COMMITTEE 3rd meeting

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-third regular session of the General Assembly and allocation of items [8]

(a) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Democratic Republic the Congo (A/53/232)

The representative of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo" (A/53/232).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uganda, Lesotho and Mexico.

The General Committee decided to invite the representative of Rwanda, at his request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

The representative of Rwanda made a statement.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-third session.

(b) Request for the inclusion of an additional item submitted by the Islamic Republic of Iran (A/53/233)

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, under rule 43 of the rules of procedure, made a statement concerning his request for the inclusion of an additional item entitled "Dialogue among civilizations" (A/53/233).

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, the Russian Federation, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lesotho, Armenia and Mongolia.

The General Committee decided to invite the representatives of Italy and India, at their request, to take a seat at the Committee's table.

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy and India.

The General Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the item should be included in the agenda of the fifty-third session and that it should be considered directly in plenary meeting.

Monday, 26 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

43rd plenary meeting

Election to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/440) [16 (a)]

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the African States, the Asian States, and the Latin American and Caribbean States was equal to or did not exceed the number of seats to be filled in each of those regions, Benin, China, Egypt, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Uruguay were declared elected members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999.

In view of the remaining two vacancies to be filled from among the African States and the Western European and Other States, the General Assembly decided to retain sub-item (a) of agenda item 16 on the agenda of its fifty-third session.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/109) [17 (h)]

The President announced that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, Japan would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The President further announced that he would submit a candidate to the General Assembly for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations described in article 3, paragraph 2, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Elimination of coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion: draft resolution (A/53/L.7/Rev.1) [51]

The representative of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.7/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Ghana, Cuba, Iraq, Sudan, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Burkina Faso, Qatar, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, South Africa, Namibia, Nigeria (on behalf of the African States) and Malaysia.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States, Turkey and Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia).

By 80 votes to 2, with 67 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.7/Rev.1 (resolution 53/10).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Canada, Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, Bolivia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 51.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521) [112]

The General Assembly adopted the two draft decisions recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/521).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533) [112 and 119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/533) (resolution 53/11).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 112 and 119.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522) [143 (a)]

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/53/522) (resolution 53/12).

Statements in explanation of vote after vote were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union, Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Norway and Cuba.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 143.

Tentative programme of work

The President drew the attention of the General Assembly to document A/INF/53/3/Add.2 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 26 October to 10 December 1998.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 15th meeting

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; presentation and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda item 63 to 80).

A statement was made by the representative of Mozambique.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 11th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [82]

The Chairman drew members' attention to the text of the Concepción Declaration (A/C.4/53/8) issued at the Regional Preparatory Conference for the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space held in Chile.

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Mexico, Pakistan, Egypt, the Republic of Korea, Ecuador, the United States, Indonesia, Cuba, the Russian Federation and Venezuela.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [94]

(b) Protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

(d) Convention on Biological Diversity

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

The Committee continued consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria and Egypt.

The representative of the United Nations Development Programme made a statement.

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also made a statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for the submission of draft proposals under agenda item 94 (b), (c), (d) and (e) was Wednesday, 28 October, at 1 p.m.

It was stated that the next formal meeting of the Committee would be on Wednesday, 28 October, at 3 p.m. for consideration of agenda item 96 (a), which would be followed by consideration of agenda item 97.

THIRD COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

Right of peoples to self-determination [109]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items and heard statements by the representatives of Brazil, Senegal, Angola (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), Ecuador, Algeria, Cuba, and Turkey.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee on Contributions, Mr. David Etuket (Uganda), introduced the report of that Committee.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to close the list of speakers for the general discussion on this agenda item at 6 p.m. the same day.

Statements were made by the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Cyprus), Belarus, Japan, Mexico and the United States.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Costa Rica.

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Corrigendum to the summary of the 12th meeting of the Fifth Committee (see *Journal* No. 1998/205, p. 12): the last paragraph under "*Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations* [118]" should read as follows:

Following a proposal by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to consider the application for exemption to Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations (A/C.5/53/28) submitted by *Iraq*, together with those in documents A/C.5/53/23 and A/ C.5/53/24, during informal consultations.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 13th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Mr. João Clemente Baena Soares, introduced chapters I to V of the report of the Commission.

Statements were made by the representatives of Mali, Guatemala and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

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TRUSTEESHIP COUNCIL

Sixty-second session

1707th meeting

Opening of the session

The sixty-second session of the Council was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Council adopted the provisional agenda contained in document T/1987.

Election of the President and Vice-President [2]

The Council elected, by acclamation, Mr. Yves Doutriaux (France) as President and Mr. Stewart Eldon (United Kingdom) as Vice-President of the Council.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-fifth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1998

Segment for high-level participation: the impact of financial crisis on trade, investment and development: regional perspectives [2]

The Board met in a high-level segment to examine issues related to "The Impact of Financial Crisis on Trade, Investment and Development: Regional Perspectives." The high-level segment was presided over and opened by H.E. Dr. Supachai Panitchpakdi, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand. Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD made an introductory statement.

A panel discussion on the theme "The Asian Epicentre" followed with the participation of the following panellists: Dato' Wan Malek Ibrahim, Managing Director, Malaysian Airlines; Ms. Dewi Motik Pramono, Vice-President, Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN); Ms. Montigan Lovichit, CEO, T. Shinawatra Thai Silk; Mr. Stephen Pursey, Chief Economist, International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Mr. Hazam El-Beblawi, Executive Secretary, ESCWA; and Mr. Adrianus Mooy, Executive Secretary, ESCAP.

A floor debate followed with the participation of Mrs. Henryka Bochniary, Senior Adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister and President of the Polish Business Table in Poland; the Ambassador of China; H.E. Mr. Vijay S. Makhan, Assistant Secretary-General of the Organization of African Union; the representative of Japan; the Ambassador of Austria (on behalf of the European Union); Mr. Manuel Valencia, Director General of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Spain; the representative of the United States of America; the Ambassador of Egypt and a representative of the International Labour Organization.

This was followed by a reply from the six panellists.

The afternoon session was held jointly with the Second Committee of the General Assembly through interactive video-conference between Geneva and New York, on the theme "The ripple effect and lessons to be learnt from the crisis." H.E. Mr. Bagher Asadi of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Chairman of the Second Committee of the General Assembly, made a brief statement. This was followed by a short statement by Mr. Natim Desai, Under Secretary-General of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. H.E. Mr. Supachai Panitchpakdi made a summary of the morning session for the benefit of the Second Committee in New York.

Presentations were then made by the following panellists: Mr. André R. van Heemstra, President, East Asia Pacific Group, Unilever; Mr. José Antonio Ocampo, Executive Secretary, ECLAC; Mr. Ali Gadir Ali, Director, Economic and Social Policy Division, ECA; Ms. Joyce Cornell, Managing Director, Scudder Kemper Investments Inc. (via video link); Mr. Yves Berthelot, Executive Secretary, ECE and Mr. Robert D. Hormats, Vice-Chairman, Goldman Sachs International (via video link).

A floor debate followed with the participation in Geneva of Mr. Bernard Petit, Director of the European Commission for Economic and Trade Cooperation, and the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran, and from New York of a Member of Parliament for India and the representatives of Indonesia, Saint Lucia, Benin and Yemen.

This was followed by a closing statement by Mr. Rubens Ricupero, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa. Paris, 14 October 1994

Ratification: Rwanda (22 October 1998)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Disarmament Week

The Department for Disarmament Affairs, in collaboration with the Department of Public Information and the NGO Committee on Disarmament (New York), will hold a series of panel discussions to take place during the Disarmament Week of 1998 until Thursday, 29 October, in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. *Today*, 27 October, there will be panels at 10 a.m. on the theme "How Can We Make Progress Towards Nuclear Disarmament and Prevent Further Proliferation?" and at 2.30 p.m. on the theme "Non-Governmental Initiatives."

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New United Nations stamps and souvenir card

Today, 27 October 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Fiftieth anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights". The denominations of the new stamps will be 32 cents, 55 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 4.50 and S 7. A souvenir card will also be issued on the same theme. The new stamps, souvenir card, first day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby *today* from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new stamps and souvenir card are available in Information Circular ST/IC/1998/63.

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Special event

A special event will take place on Thursday, 29 October 1998, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium, to launch the volume "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Fifty Years and Beyond" published by Baywood Publishing Company, for and on behalf of the United Nations.

The event is co-sponsored by Argentina, Canada, Costa Rica, the Czech Republic, the Dominican Republic, the Philippines, Samoa, South Africa and Sweden, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Department of Public Information, as well as several non-governmental organizations.

The event will include statements of the Secretary-General, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other contributors to the book. Ambassador William J. Vanden Heuvel, Chairman, United States Coordinating Committee for UDHR50, will be the guest speaker. All delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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Training programme

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library would like to announce the beginning of its fall Internet training programme. To register or for further information, please contact the Library (tel.: 963-7355) or send an e-mail at the following address: dhlpubh@un.org

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